

(2) Any disposition credit that is requested by such handler in accordance with this section.

(e) *Annual review.* The marketing association or employees of TPD shall conduct an annual review of the certifications made by handlers in accordance with this section.

(f) *Inaccurate certification.* In the case of an inaccurate certification, the disposition credit shall be adjusted accordingly. Such action shall be in addition to any other remedy, including, but not limited to, any civil or criminal remedy for fraud, as may apply.

### Subpart G—Penalties and Liquidated Damages

#### § 1446.701 Excess marketing of quota peanuts.

A handler will be subject to a penalty for noncompliance with this part, if, as determined under this part, from any crop of peanuts, such handler markets, for domestic edible use, a larger quantity, or higher grade or quality of peanuts, than could reasonably be produced from the quantity of peanuts having the grade, kernel content, and quality of farmers stock peanuts purchased by the handler during the applicable marketing year as quota peanuts, including those peanuts purchased in accordance with the “immediate buyback” provisions of this part. In such case, the penalty will be an amount equal to 140 percent of the national average quota support rate for the applicable crop, times that quantity of farmers stock peanuts which are determined by CCC to be necessary to produce the excess quantity or grade or quality of peanuts marketed.

#### § 1446.702 Peanuts ineligible for quota loan.

Any person who causes or permits peanuts that are not eligible peanuts to be pledged as collateral for a loan at the quota loan rate shall be considered to have agreed that:

(a) CCC may incur serious and substantial damage to its program to support the price of quota peanuts because such peanuts were pledged as collateral for a quota loan;

(b) The amount of such damages will be difficult, if not impossible, to ascertain exactly; and

(c) Such person shall, with respect to any ineligible peanuts placed under quota loan, pay to CCC, as liquidated damages and in addition to any penalty that is due, the difference between the quota loan rate for such peanuts and the additional loan rate that would apply to peanuts of the same type and quality, times the amount of such peanuts that were placed under loan. It is agreed that such liquidated damages are a reasonable estimate of the probable actual damages which CCC would suffer. Such person shall pay the damages to CCC promptly upon demand in addition to penalties as may be due or assessed. Liquidated damages under this section may be reduced by CCC based upon consideration of the following factors:

(1) Whether the person causing or permitting ineligible peanuts to be placed in the loan program made a good faith effort to ensure that ineligible peanuts were not pledged as loan collateral;

(2) The degree of damage or potential damage to the price support program caused by the violation;

(3) The nature and circumstances of the violation;

(4) The extent of the violation; and

(5) Any other pertinent information.

#### § 1446.703 Assessment of penalties against handlers.

(a) *Penalty liability.* A handler shall be subject to the penalty for a violation of any provision of this part including, but not limited to, any or all of the following violations:

(1) Failure to register as a handler of peanuts;

(2) Failure to examine and make entries on marketing card;

(3) Failure to keep or make available records as required by this part;

(4) Marketing excess quota peanuts, as set forth in this part, including any marketing of reentered contract additional peanuts or peanut products made from contract additional peanuts or any marketing of imported peanut products made from additional peanuts purchased from the inventory of CCC loan collateral peanuts;